

5772. Adulteration of milk. U. S. * * * v. George B. Rueschhoff and Edward G. Hammel (Rumping Dairy Co.). Pleas of guilty. Fine, \$75. (F. & D. No. 8161. I. S. Nos. 17604-m, 12205-m, 11873-m, 10971-m, 10978-m, 10979-m.)

On September 6, 1917, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against George B. Rueschhoff and Edward G. Hammel, doing business as the Rumping Dairy Co., St. Louis, Mo., alleging shipment by said defendants, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about September 8, 1916, August 30, 1916, August 31, 1916, September 16, 1916, September 11, 1916, and August 25, 1916, from the State of Illinois into the State of Missouri, of quantities of milk which was adulterated.

Analyses of samples of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department show that certain of the samples contained added water and certain others contained filthy and decomposed vegetable substances and added water.

Adulteration of the article in the shipment of September 8, 1916, was alleged in the information for the reason that it consisted in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid animal substance.

Adulteration of the article in the shipments of August 30 and August 31, 1916, was alleged for the reason that a certain substance, to wit, water, had been substituted in part for milk, which the article purported to be; for the further reason that a certain substance, to wit, water, had been mixed therewith so as to reduce, lower, and injuriously affect its quality and strength; and for the further reason that it consisted in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid animal substance.

Adulteration of the article in the other shipments was alleged for the reason that a certain substance, to wit, water, had been substituted in part for milk, which the article purported to be, and had been mixed therewith so as to reduce, lower, and injuriously affect its quality and strength.

On November 13, 1917, the defendants entered pleas of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$75.

CARL VROOMAN, Acting Secretary of Agriculture.